



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5429

LCO No. 1866



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CRAFT DISTILLER PERMIT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 30-16 of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is amended by adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (NEW) (h) A craft distiller permit shall allow the manufacture,
5 bottling, storage, wholesale distribution and sales and retail sales to
6 consumers, from the licensed premises, of alcoholic liquor distilled by
7 a permittee at its permitted premises; but no such permit shall be
8 granted unless the place or the plan of the place of manufacture has
9 received the approval of the Department of Consumer Protection.
10 Subject to the provisions of this subsection, such permit shall also
11 authorize the offering and tasting, on the premises of the permittee, of
12 samples of spirits distilled on the premises, either with or without a
13 charge. Tasting samples shall not exceed one-half ounce per patron per
14 day. No tastings shall be offered to or allowed to be consumed by any
15 minor or intoxicated person. A craft distiller, alone or in combination
16 with any parent or subsidiary business, related or affiliated party, shall

17 distill at least one thousand gallons but not more than ten thousand
 18 gallons per annum. No craft distiller permittee shall sell to any one
 19 consumer more than one liter of alcoholic liquor per day or three liters
 20 of alcoholic liquor in any sixty-day period. A holder or backer of a craft
 21 distiller permit shall not be the holder or backer of any manufacturer
 22 permit or an out-of-state shipper's permit. The annual fee for a craft
 23 distiller permit shall be one thousand dollars.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is
 25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 26 *passage*):

27 (d) The sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating
 28 under package store permits, drug store permits, craft distiller permits,
 29 manufacturer permits for beer, manufacturer permits for beer and
 30 brew pubs or grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on
 31 Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day or Christmas; and such sale or
 32 dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating under package store
 33 permits, drug store permits, manufacturer permits for beer,
 34 manufacturer permits for beer and brew pubs and grocery store beer
 35 permits shall be unlawful on Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. and after
 36 five o'clock p.m. and on any other day before eight o'clock a.m. and
 37 after nine o'clock p.m. It shall be unlawful for the holder of a
 38 manufacturer permit for a brew pub to sell beer for consumption off
 39 the premises on the days or hours prohibited by this subsection. Any
 40 town may, by a vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the
 41 number of hours during which such sale shall be permissible.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 30-16 |
| Sec. 2 | <i>from passage</i> | 30-91(d) |

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a craft distillers alcoholic liquor permit.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]